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FOLLOWING ARE ALLEGATIONS WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS ON
QUOTE MASS EXECUTIONS UNQUOTE AND QUOTE BRUTAL TREATMENT
UNQUOTE OF PRISONERS UNDER DETENTION IN NATIONAL STADIUM.

1. WASHINGTON POST, SEPTEMBER 24: QUOTE: 2 SAY THEY
WITNESSED EXECUTIONS IN CHILE. MIAMI, SEPT. 23--AN AMER-
ICAN COUPLE HELD PRISONER FOR A WEEK IN CHILE SAID TODAY
THEY HAD WITNESSED THE EXECUTION OF BETWEEN 400 AND 500
PERSONS SINCE THE MILITARY OVERTHREW THE LEFTIST GOVERN-
MENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE.

2. PATRICIA AND ADAM GARRETT-SCHECH RETURNED HERE TODAY,
ABOARD ONE OF THE FIRST FLIGHTS TO LEAVE SANTIAGO SINCE
LAST WEEK'S COUP.

3. THE GARRETT-SCHECHES, GRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVER-
SITY OF WISCONSIN, WERE RELEASED FRIDAY AND EXPELLED
FROM CHILE.

4. GARRETT-SCHECH, 3L, SAID: "WE HEARD THE BEATINGS AND
SAW THE BEATINGS. WE HEARD AND SAW BETWEEN 400 AND 500
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PERSONS EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUADS. RIGHT OUT ON THE PLAY-

ING FIELD. THEY WERE LED OUT IN GROUPS OF 10 TO 30."

5. HIS WIFE, 30, INTERJECTED: "THIRTY-SEVEN WAS THE LARG-
EST GROUP I COUNTED."

6. LATER THE JUNTA IN SANTIAGO DESCRIBED THE COUPLE'S
REPORT AS "ABSOLUTELY BASELESS" AND MAINTAINED THAT "NOT
EVEN ONE PERSON" HAD BEEN EXECUTED AT THE STADIUM.

7. THE CHILEAN MILITARY JUNTA SAID YESTERDAY THAT 7,000
CHILEANS AND FOREIGNERS WERE BEING DETAINED AT THE SOCCER
STADIUM.

8. WEARY AND NERVOUS, THE GARRETT-SCHESCHES TOLD NEWSMEN
AT THE MIAMI AIRPORT THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN CHILE 2-1/2
YEARS, CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR THEIR DOCTORAL DEGREES IN
HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY.

9. "WE KNEW A LOT OF GOVERNMENT PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS AND
WE WERE STUDYING SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS," HIS
WIFE ADDED. "LATER, WE WERE TOLD THIS WAS SUBVERSIVE.
IT WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE IN CHILE ANDNOT HAVE
HAD CONTACT WITH PEOPLE NOW CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVES."
UNQUOTE.

B. AP STORY USED IN NEW YORK TIMES SEPTEMBER 24:

1. QUOTE: AN AMERICAN COUPLE HELD PRISONERFOR A WEEK IN
CHILE SAID TODAY THEY HAD WITNESSED THE EXECUTION OF 400
TO 500 PERSONS SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK CONTROL OF CHILE.

2. PATRICIA AND ADAM GARRETT SCHESCH, WHO RETURNED TO THIS
COUNTRY TODAY, ALSO ACCUSED CHILE'S NEW MILITARY LEADERS
OF "CONDUCTING A POGROM AGAINST FOREIGNERS."

3. THE SCHESCHS, GRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF WISCONSIN, WERE RELEASED FRIDAY AND EXPELLED FROM
CHILE. THEY ARRIVED IN MIAMI ABOARD ONE OF THE FIRST
FLIGHTS PERMITTED TO LEAVE SANTIAGO, THE CHILEAN CAPITOL.

4. "WE PERSONALLY SAW THE SHOOTING OF 400 TO 500 PRISONERS
IN GROUPS OF 30 TO 40, AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM WHERE WE
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WERE BEING HELD," SAID SCHESCH, HE SAID THE
SHOOTINGS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE MILITARY AND OCCURRED
IN THE STADIUM.

5. IN SANTIAGO, THE MILITARY JUNTA TERMED THE SCHESCH'S
ALLEGATIONS "ABSOLUTELY BASELESS."

6. "I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NOT EVEN ONE PERSON, LET ALONE
400 TO 500, HAS BEEN EXECUTED," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

7. MRS. SCHESCH, EPN SAID THE COUPLE HAD ALSO SEEN AND HEARD BEATINGS ADMINISTERED TO PRISONERS, MANY OF THEM FOREIGNERS.

8. THE JUNTA HAS ADMITTED THAT 5,000 TO 7,000 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN SANTIAGO'S MAIN SOCCER STADIUM SINCE THE SEPT. 11 COUP.

9. MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AS SUSPECTS AND ARE BEING FREED AFTER QUESTIONING AT A RATE OF ABOUT 100 A DAY, AN OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID.

10. THE JUNTA SAID SATURDAY THAT 244 PERSONS WERE KILLED DURING THE SEPT. 11 COUP WHICH OUSTED THE GOVERNMENT OF MARXIST PRESIDENT SALVADOR ALLENDE. UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATES OF THE DEATHS RAN MUCH HIGHER.

11. WEARY AND NERVOUS, THE SCHESCHS TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE MIAMI AIRPORT THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN CHILE 2 AND ONE-HALF YEARS, CONDUCTING RESEARCH FOR THEIR DOCTORAL DEGREES IN HISTORY AND SOCIOLOGY.

12. THE SCHESCHS HAVE A 1 AND ONE-HALF YEAR OLD SON WHO WAS ALLOWED TO LIVE WITH FRIENDS DURING THEIR CONFINEMENT.

13. THE COUPLE AND THEIR YOUNG SON WERE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE MRS. SCHESCH'S PARENTS LIVE. THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO HOLD "A LONG, DETAILED PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW (MONDAY), AFTER WE'VE HAD SOME SLEEP. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING THERE."

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14. "ONE OF THEIR (THE MILITARY JUNTA'S) TACTICS IS A POGROM ON FOREIGNERS," SCHESCH SAID. THERE HAVE BEEN KILLINGS AND THERE HAVE BEEN BEATINGS, OF EUROPEANS, LATINS AND OTHERS."

15. SCHESCH SAID THE JUNTA WAS ALSO "SHIPPING ALL THE FOREIGNERS IN EXILE IN CHILE BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, WHERE SOME OF THEM FACE DEATH."

16. HE ACCUSED THE U.S. EMBASSY OF "NOT CARING" ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO THEM AND OTHER AMERICANS IN CHILE.

17. "WHEN WE FINALLY GOT TO SEE THE CONSUL THERE, HE HAD A LIST OF ABOUT A DOZEN AMERICAN PRISONERS," SCHESCH SAID.

18. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HAS SAID ONLY THE SCHESCH

COUPLE AND TWO PRIESTS WERE AMONG THOSE AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONERS. THREE OTHER AMERICANS WERE REPORTED MISSING BUT THEY WERE NOT ON THE LISTS OF THOSE ARRESTED, THE EMBASSY SAID. UNQUOTE.

C. EXCERPT FROM WASHINGTON POST STORY SEPTEMBER 23 BYLINED "FROM NEWS DISPATCHES":

1. QUOTE: (NEWSPAPERS IN STOCKHOLM QUOTED TWO SWEDISH FORESTRY EXPERTS WHO WERE HELD IN THE STADIUM FOR 11 DAYS AS SAYING THAT PRISONERS THERE WERE TORTURED AND EXECUTED.) UNQUOTE. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. RUSH

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